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EASTERN.

News of the Week from Beyond the Rockies.

Retaliation Bill Passed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The house today passed the house substitute for the senate fisheries retaliation bill, by a vote of 252 to 1.

Macdonald and The Fisheries Question.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—The Times Ottawa, Ont., special says: It is learned on the best possible authority that Sir John Macdonald requested the British government not to press the fisheries negotiations with the United States until the dominion elections were over. While he is prepared to greatly relax from the position he has maintained up to the present time to enforce the fishery regulations, it would have been practically suicide for him to have done so, or even admit it, until the elections were over. The elections are now over, and he is returned to power. He has promised Lord Salisbury to considerably modify the existing regulations, so as to meet half way the demand set up by the United States government.

A Bloody Struggle Expected.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—The Star's London cable says: While officials deny the report of a movement of British troops in Afghanistan, belief is growing in diplomatic circles that England is about to strike a blow with the same against the Ghilzais, and that Afghanistan is soon to become the scene of a bloody struggle between England and Russia, for supremacy in Asia.

Sherman as Presidential Candidate.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—The Times Washington special says: Senator Sherman's resignation of his position of president of the senate is generally accepted as the first open declaration of his presidential candidacy and a signal to his supporters and friends that he is in the field for himself, and that his campaign has formally opened. Sherman's lieutenants have been putting in some very quiet but very effective work for some months, and the results have greatly encouraged them. This movement of Mr. Sherman, who rarely makes political mistakes, will still further encourage them. Mr. Sherman accepted the presidency of the senate when it was a good advertisement for him to do so. He is now left free to attend to his political fences, which reach from New York to Mansfield, Ohio.

Refuses to Put Oregon Ahead.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The secretary of war has declined the request of the commission appointed to examine war claims of certain western states, the request being that the claim of Oregon be taken up before that of Texas is completed. The secretary thinks the commission can better examine the claim of one state at a time.

PARIS, Feb. 24.—A renewal of the earthquakes of yesterday in the southern portions of France and Germany occurred today, and a terrible disaster is momentarily expected.

The cities of Nice and Cannes, France, and Mentone, Italy, are half deserted, and fugitives are fleeing in all directions. The people are afraid to reenter the buildings.

Two thousand American, English and Russian visitors camped out all last night.

The son of the American consul at Nice is seriously injured.

The shock yesterday was more serious than was at first suspected. Over fifteen hundred people were killed in Genoa, Italy. In the Riviera district at Bayardo a number of the inhabitants took refuge in the church building. The building was subsequently demolished killing 300 people. The destruction of property is immense and widespread, and the loss of life fearful to contemplate.

SHERMAN'S SUCCESSOR.

Ingalls, of Kansas, will be the Next President of the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—John Sherman, of Ohio, a few days since resigned the presidency of the senate, for the reason that his term expires March 3d, and there would be a vacancy during the summer vacation. Since this time republicans have been casting about for a suitable successor, and the republican caucus has selected Ingalls, of Kansas. John James Ingalls is one of the leaders in the senate. He first took his seat as a member of that body on March 4th, 1873, and has ever since been conspicuous for his ability and his fearless course. He recently made an able speech on the retaliation bill.

THE PRESIDENT SUSTAINED.

The House Refuses to Pass the Dependent Pension Bill over the Veto.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The vote in the house of representatives of 175 for and 185 against the motion to pass the dependent pension bill over the president's veto was nearer a tie than representatives, who claimed to have partly polled the house, thought last night. As the debate progressed to-day, the status of the vote, as it was later officially announced, began to show itself. As is now plainly evident, the president took a somewhat personal interest in the contest. He felt that he must be sustained. The giving to the press for publication of

two different bundles of letters received from citizens of different states, endorsing his veto, was certainly an unusual proceeding for an executive, and is generally explained on the theory that he hoped thereby to change public opinion and legislators into sustaining his course. It leaks out that Morrison of Illinois was made Mr. Cleveland's spokesman on the floor of the house, and well did the former perform his task. He personally pleaded with a majority of his democratic colleagues to sustain the president's veto, on the ground partly that the democratic party could not afford to see its executive slaughtered by its own hands. It was remarked that a number of the most prominent democrats who voted to sustain the president are those who were defeated for re-election to the next congress. Among them are Morrison of Illinois, Bragg of Wisconsin, and Warner of Ohio. Some republicans are cruel enough to suggest that these democrats sought by their votes to curry favor with the executive, in a hope that he might appoint them to some official position. The votes of Randall and Holman, the most pronounced economists, to pass the bill over the veto were received with surprise and hearty cheers. It is stated that of the thirty or more democrats voting with republicans to pass the bill over the veto all are from the northern states. The tally sheet showed that there was lacking twenty-five votes of being two-thirds of all those cast, so the bill was lost.

Candy Manufactory Burned.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 25.—The Darcy candy manufactory, of this city, burned today. The loss is estimated at two hundred thousand dollars.

THE INDIANA MUDDLE.

The President of the State Senate Refused Admission.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 25.—Robertson (republican), president of the state senate, was refused admission to the senate chamber to-day, by order of the democratic majority, the republican members taking no part in the proceedings, ignoring the majority and president pro tem Smith. A resolution was offered asking the supreme court to act as arbitrator, but it is probable that the court will take no notice of the matter.

WASHINGTON NEWS ITEMS.

A Part of Idaho Territory to be Annexed to Washington.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The senate committee on territories to-day unanimously decided to report favorably the bill which has passed the house to annex northern Idaho to Washington, and later the bill was reported to the senate. The unanimous report of the committee is suggestive of what action may be expected by the senate. There is no doubt the bill will become a law. There were three separate bills providing for this measure, two of them differing slightly as to boundary. The house bill, however, was adopted, word for word. Among the citizens of Washington Territory who appeared before the committee were Philip Ritz, A. W. Bish, J. J. Brown, and A. A. Newberry. Senator-elect Stewart of Nevada made a strong plea for annexation, and also took occasion to speak in favor of annexing the remainder of Idaho to Nevada. He said he believes a majority of the people in southern Idaho favor such a change. Stewart is said to have mining interests in northern Idaho.

LAST DAYS OF THE SESSION.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The last six days of the session, during which representatives are privileged in the house to move suspension of the rules to pass local measures, began to-day at noon. It is probable, however, that most of the remaining time will be consumed by the appropriation bills, which will be accorded preference.

Another Big Strike.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—The strike of the silk operatives in this city numbers five thousand men at present, and this number may be increased. The strike was caused by a refusal of the employers to agree to the schedule of wages adopted by the operatives.

Another Blockade.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—Another heavy snow storm has occurred in Minnesota. All trains are blocked.

WAR TALK.

Some Notes of the Great European War on Paper.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Sun's cable special from London: The reichstag elections assure the German government the longest for septennate, and give enough additional strength to Bismarck's hand to enable him to control the European chess board for a while longer. That his personal wish is to preserve peace is not doubted, but how long will his will and diplomacy prevent a furious outbreak? A spark may set every thing in a blaze at any moment. The Nord, which speaks for Russia, has avowed what every one believed before—that France can count upon Russia's assistance, and that Russia will not allow Germany to annihilate France. Renewed rumors of the approaching resignation of De Giers, and of Count Ignatieff's appointment in his place, have not lightened the war cloud. The Cologne Gazette declares that the Russian communication in Le Nord is plainly an invitation to France to attack Germany, backed by assurance that France will

not be allowed to suffer much. Russia to-day lacks only money for properly equipping her million of men, to be at the top of the powers of Europe. The scheme to lighten Russia's financial load by reducing the value of a paper rouble to 50 kopecks, just 50 per cent. of the value at which it was issued, has been noised about, and has caused foreigners to unload their stock of Russian paper, and Russians to groan at the prospect of the loss falling on their pockets.

PEACE NOT GUARANTEED.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The Star's London cable special says: It is now, definitely known that the German elections have failed to guarantee the peace of Europe. From all quarters come predictions of a split in the septennate coalition, as soon as the issue on which they were elected is disposed of and then comes the consequent resuscitation of the war cry. Government returns claim a ministerial majority of sixty-two certain, and possibly more after the second elections.

Horrible Railway Disaster.

NEEDLES, Feb. 27.—The east bound passenger train, due here at 9:45 last night, ran into a burnt bridge about four miles west of this place. The cars were badly wrecked, and five persons were killed. No one was to blame.

A Rival for the N. P.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—Times' special from Fargo, Dakota: It is learned from a reliable source that three of the great railroad building firms have combined and taken a contract to build for the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba railroad 700 miles of road between the Moose river in Northern Dakota, and Great Falls in Montana. From Great Falls the road continues south as far as Helena, the Montana Central. The construction is to be pushed as few lines ever have been. Fifty thousand men, if they can be had, will be put on as soon as spring opens. It is claimed that this line will be in operation before next fall from St. Paul to Helena, and will have branches to Butte and all leading Montana points, competing with the Northern Pacific. It will have the advantage of the latter in grades, none exceeding forty feet to the mile. It will also be operated at much less expense, as it is through a level country and not troubled with snow blockades. The line will be so much straighter than the Northern Pacific that its haul from St. Paul to Helena will be but little longer. It goes north of the bad lands, and will have a productive country nearly the entire distance.

A WOMAN HANGED.

She Expiates the Crime of Murder upon the Gallows.

HEKIMIKER, N. Y., Feb. 28.—Mrs. Druse, the woman convicted of the murder of her husband, was hanged at this place at noon to-day. The condemned woman slept about three hours during the night, and was very calm on awakening. She wrote several letters and ate a hearty meal this morning. Shortly before her execution she was seized with violent hysterics, and her attendants had great trouble to calm her. And immense crowd surrounded the place of execution. There were twenty witnesses to the hanging. Many telegrams were sent to the governor intreating him to commute the sentence. Mrs. Druse murdered her husband, and cut his body up, boiled it, and fed it to the hogs. He had been very brutal to her. A leading physician of New York pronounced the murderer insane, from the brutality of the act. Her daughter is serving a life sentence as an accessory after the fact to the crime.

Heavy Loss by Fire.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Two lighters loaded with cotton and the steamer Lone Star burned this morning. The loss is about three hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Bank Robbed.

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—Dispatches received in this city from La Grange, Missouri, state that the bank at that place was robbed of twenty-one thousand dollars last night. No clue to the robbers.

One to Sing Sing.

NEW YORK, March 1.—Boodle Alderman O'Neil, recently convicted and sentenced was taken to prison to-day. He still asserts his innocence, and claims that he will soon be able to prove it to the satisfaction of all.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1.—The bill annexing the Idaho panhandle, that is, the narrow strip of territory in the northern part, to Washington territory passed the senate to-day.

INTENDED IMPROVEMENTS.—Extensive improvements in the system of water works is contemplated by the water company. Surveys have been made to find the necessary amount of piping it will require to make all the mains in the city iron instead of wood, and as soon as the weather settles it is intended to replace all the remaining wooden mains with iron ones. When completed, over ten miles of mains will have been laid. It is estimated that the cost of the improvements will be \$10,000, but, whatever the expense, the company will not rest until it has the finest system of water works on the Pacific coast. Indeed, the works, as they are now well advanced, compare favorably with those of any other city. The machinery is now being changed and improved so that additional pressure may be obtained.

PACIFIC COAST.

News by Telegraph from West of the Rockies.

VOMITING UP LAVA.

Mauna Loa has a Severe Attack of Nausea.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—The steamer Australia, which arrived this morning from Honolulu brings full particulars of the great lava flow from Mauna Loa. The sight is described as magnificent beyond description. A column of fire was first observed from the summit of the crater, on the night of January 16. The fire died down before midnight, but that great volcanic disturbances were going on was evident, as the cessation of fire was followed by earthquakes, which followed in quick succession, up to the night of the 18th, when fire and lava again burst forth from the mountain side. The length of the flow is estimated at twenty miles. This distance the lava accomplished in two days, spreading as it descended, and reaching the sea on the evening of January 20. The stream of lava continued to flow without interruption till the 29th, when a river of fire burst forth, following the line of the lava flow. When the fires flamed out heavy earthquakes ceased, although slight tremors were felt at intervals thereafter.

THE END NOT YET.

Judge D. H. Hitchcock writes under date of February 3, from Hilo: "We are experiencing slight shocks almost every day or night. A very heavy pall of volcanic smoke hides Mauna Loa from here. If there were no further volcanic disturbance there the smoke would all have been blown to sea by the strong winds which have been blowing the past week. As it is, I feel as though the end of the flow is not yet."

Twelve Men Drowned.

VICTORIA, Feb. 23.—Indians arrived from the west coast of Vancouver island report a large bark wrecked. Out of the crew of twenty twelve were drowned. The remainder are among the Indians. The vessel's name is unknown. A steamer will likely be sent to their relief. The light-house keeper at Cape Beale reports large quantities of new plank floating in the straits, branded "P. L. Co."

The Winter in Montana.

HELENA, Feb. 25.—Grossly exaggerated reports of the severity of the winter in Montana, and losses of stock on the ranges, are being published in eastern papers on statements sent by sensational correspondents in the territory. In truth, the winter is no more severe than those of 1880-81, when losses of stock did not exceed 25 per cent. The cattle interests will suffer most. Sheep men were generally prepared with abundance of hay, and in such cases losses have not been larger than usual. As a rule, cattlemen are wealthy, having large balances in the banks, and there will probably not be a single failure in Montana on account of losses of cattle. Specials from Butte, stating that Helena banks expected to sustain large losses on loans advanced cattlemen, are without foundation and absolutely false. Only one or two of the largest cattle companies are borrowers of money to any extent, and such loans are placed in the east, for the reason that they could not afford to pay the high rate of interest prevailing in Montana. The weather is moderating, and stockmen are confident that in a few days the ranges will be comparatively free from snow.

Terrible Weather in the Sierras.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25.—Dispatches received to-day report a heavy fall of snow in the Sierras. For the twenty-four hours ending 7 a. m. to-day six inches of snow fell at Colfax, twelve inches at Gold Run, twelve inches at Alta, fourteen inches at Blue Canyon, twelve inches at Immigrant Gap, eighteen inches at Cisco, eighteen inches at Summit, twenty-four inches at Truckee, nine inches at Prosser creek, and fifteen inches at Boca. Intense cold also prevailed in that region. The thermometer was 36 degrees below at Truckee, 24 below at Prosser creek, 7 below at Reno, and 26 below at Boca. The weather is now clear.

Outrages on Chinese.

VICTORIA, Feb. 25.—Thursday night at 10 o'clock a mob of Vancouver men proceeded to a camp of Chinese who were clearing land. They burned the cabins of the Chinese threw their goods into the fire, and roughly handled the celestials. The police then interfered, and the crowd dispersed at midnight. Several Chinese laundries were set on fire, but the flames were extinguished before serious loss occurred. To-day the Chinese left Vancouver and went to New Westminster. It is not known what will be done, but it is supposed the provincial government will send a protest and enforce the law. A construction train has reached Vancouver, and it is expected that regular trains will run in a week or ten days.

PORTLAND, OR., Feb. 26.—Sol Hirsch, Joe Simon, J. C. Carson, H. B. Miller, and J. M. Siglin leave this city to-morrow for the east, over the Northern Pacific. So far as known, there is no political significance to the matter. It just happened that they were all ready to go on the same day.

Accidentally Killed.

WALLA WALLA, Feb. 26.—Joseph McElrath, a boy aged fifteen, was accident-

ally killed here to-day while loading a shot gun.

Died at Walla Walla.

WALLA WALLA, Feb. 26.—J. W. Fuller, a prominent farmer, died in this city last night, of apoplexy.

The Dead Bishop.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 27.—At half-past 4 p. m. to-day the remains of Bishop Blanchet were translated to the Sisters' chapel at the convent. The exercises were conducted by Revs. Father Schram, Dedecker, Becker, and Jocren. They will remain there exposed in state until half-past 10 Monday, when solemn high mass will be sung. At 3 p. m. the offices of the dead will be chanted. At 5 p. m. the remains will be transferred to the St. James cathedral, where he will lie in state all night, watched by a guard of honor composed of citizens. All the priests of Oregon have been notified and invited to attend the funeral at 12 a. m. Tuesday.

PORTLAND, OR., Feb. 28.—The blockade on the Columbia has been raised. The Oklahoma reached the Cascades to-day, and navigation will be resumed to-morrow.

An Indictment.

PORTLAND, OR., Feb. 28.—John McDonald was to-day indicted by the grand jury for burglary. He broke into a small shanty on the river front some time since and stole ten dollars.

A HORRIBLE SUPERSTITION.

Foolish Sacrifice of a Sandwich Islands Princess, Sister of King Kalakaua.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.—A correspondent writes to the Examiner from Honolulu, Feb. 17, relating a remarkable story about the recent death of Princess Like Like, sister to King Kalakaua. He says: For centuries back, or as far as run Hawaiian annals, there has been a belief among the people that eruptions of Mauna Loa and Kilauea were means taken by the goddess Pele to show her displeasure at mortal events. It was also held, and the lately-revived order of Kahuna and soothsayers encouraged the belief, that the only means to appease the goddess's wrath was by the sacrifice of some of the royal family. Lately Mauna Loa, the first time for twenty-five years, broke out in a violent eruption, laying waste the fields below with streams of lava, and threatening the villages that skirt its base. Pele, they said, was showing her anger at things that be. The natives, from their huts, watched the lurid light shine on the mountain top, and knew the goddess was reaching out her fiery arms for a victim of royal blood. The Kahunas, who have lately gained once more the favor of the king, too, declared Pele must be appeased to stop the fearful doom which must come.

THE ROYAL MARTYR.

They had not far to search for one who would make the fearful sacrifice, and while the rumbling of the volcano made awful thunder, Princess Like Like declared to her people that she, sister of the king, the nearest to the throne, would lay down her life to stop the awful flow. She openly proclaimed that she glorified to make a martyr of herself for her country and her people, and though in the prime of life and with a prospect of the crown before her, she made her final preparations, and lay down to await the end.

It is said that in this final proceeding the Kahunas played no unimportant part, and that while acting as her guardians and advisers, they were, in fact, practicing their dark arts upon her and hurrying her onward to the end. For days and days she lay among those people, and during all that time not a particle of food was allowed to pass her lips. Death was not speedily coming to one so full of life and vitality as she had been, but starvation did its work at last, and while the Kahunas sat about, and their incantations were on the spirit of the princess left her body, and the sacrifice was at end.

THE SOOTHSAYERS EXULT.

That this good woman was cruelly sacrificed to a superstition of the Kahunas is an open secret at the islands, but the strangest part to tell is this: That upon the day of her death Mauna Loa, the awful, ceased to belch its lava forth, and for days after was in comparative quiet; and then the hoary old soothsayers went about among the people with many nods and mystic signs, and to-day their power is greater in the land than since the days when Captain Cook laid his bones upon their sandy beach.

The Vancouver Outrages.

VICTORIA, Feb. 28.—The legislature to-day suspended the rules and passed the bill to meet the emergency at Vancouver. The bill virtually suspends the city's charter and vests all power in the legislature. The government has assented to the bill. A special force has been sworn in, and proceeds to Vancouver to-morrow, armed with batons and revolvers. Three ringleaders have already been arrested, and more will be to-morrow. The Chinese at the time of the attack were driven into the waters of the inlet, and some nearly drowned. Those left in the city after Thursday night have since been turned out. Government force will protect all interests, and the bill provides for summarily dealing with all offenders.

A Celestial's Suicide.

SPRAGUE, Feb. 28.—Ah King, the Chinaman who was arrested for the larceny of \$25, committed suicide to-day by hanging himself to the jail door with a silk handkerchief.

FROM JACKSONVILLE.

A Branch Line of Railroad—The City Election.

JACKSONVILLE, OR., March 1.—A large and enthusiastic meeting was held last night for the purpose of discussing the question of building a branch railroad to connect with the O. & C. Considerable time was taken up in the discussion of the matter, when it was voted to incorporate under the name of the Jacksonville Branch of the O. & C. Railroad. The incorporators are: Max Muller, Will Jackson, A. L. Roster, Henry Klippel, and M. J. Fuman. Capital stock, \$300,000. It was not decided which place to build to, Medford or Central Point, but it is to be agreed on by stockholders.

The city election took place to-day, and every thing passed off quietly. There were two tickets in the field for the council, high license and low license. The low license was successful by a large majority. Great interest was also manifested in the election of city marshal, there being five candidates. Following is the ticket elected: Mayor, A. H. Maegly; council, Charles Nickell, J. W. Robinson, J. Nunan, D. Crompton; recorder, J. H. Huffer; marshal, D. L. Curtis; treasurer, James Crompton; street commissioner, Wm. Eaton.

Rainfall on the Pacific Coast.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 1.—The signal service issued a table to-day, which shows the rainfall for February, and the seasonal rainfall to February 28 of this year. This shows the rainfall in the Sacramento valley up to date is nearly equal to the average rainfall up to this day in previous years. In San Joaquin it is about two-thirds of the average. South of the Mojave it is equal to previous years' fall up to March 1.

Lieutenant Maxfield, in charge of the signal service division of the Pacific, in his special bulletin for February, says: The rainfall for the month has been in excess of the normal rainfall, south of a line drawn from west to east through central Oregon; and below the normal north of that line. The most marked departures from the normal are as follows: Above normal—Roseburg 1.5 inches, Red Bluff 1.5 inches, San Francisco 5.8 inches, Los Angeles 5.1 inches, San Diego 2 inches.

A Family Perishes.

FRESNO, March 1.—Report reaches here that a family consisting of a woman and two children perished during the recent storm in the mountains fifty miles east of Fresno. It is said the parties were living in a small, frail cabin. The snow-fall was unusually heavy and crushed the building, covering the unfortunate in the snow, where they perished. No definite report can be obtained.

A BLOODY ROW.

Three Men Killed, and three more Mortally Wounded.

DENVER, March 1.—For some months very hard feelings have existed between citizens of Leoti and Coronad, two small towns in Wallace county, Kas., over the location of the county seat. The county government is now located at the latter place, and the citizens of the former are attempting to have it moved to their town.

Yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock Frank Jones, A. N. Barry, Geo. Watkins, Emmet Deering, Chas. Coulter, Bill Rains and a man named Johnson left Leoti for Coronad. Upon entering that town in a wagon they noticed suspicious movements among some of the citizens who were standing on the pavement in front of one of the stores. Coulter, Rains and Johnson sprang from the wagon and reached for their revolvers. No sooner had the men touched the ground than the party in front of the store poured a volley from six-shooters upon them, instantly killing Coulter, Rains and Johnson, and wounding James Barry and Wilkins so that recovery is impossible. During the fight Deering escaped from town and has not yet been heard from. It is not known whether he was wounded or not.

After the killing the dead bodies of the men were left lying on the street, and no one was allowed to remove them until nearly midnight, when the undertaker took charge of the bodies. The wounded men were conveyed to a hotel and are being cared for. None of the murderers have yet been arrested, and it seems that no officer in the county has any desire to attempt the task. The two towns are only a few miles apart, and further trouble is anticipated between the citizens. As they are located twenty miles from the railroad and telegraph line, the latest news from there has not been received.

PORTLAND, OR., March 2.—Isaac Allen, a farmer of Reedville, Washington county, was robbed of one hundred and twenty dollars in a dive on Front and Main streets at 2 o'clock this morning. Two women and one man have been arrested.

Change of Venue Denied.

PORTLAND, OR., March 2.—Judge Stearns to-day denied a change of venue from Multnomah to Clackamas county, to Moran, the murderer.

Notable Death.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 2.—Chief Justice Morrison died to-day.

INSANE PATIENT.—Sheriff Smith yesterday morning brought down from Albany an insane patient named Mrs. Stellmacher. The patient is 41 years of age, and her loss of mind is supposed to be caused by melancholy, induced by the neglect of relations. She was placed in the asylum.